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It is beyond absurd that the FCC, clearly responsible for the destruction of local radio news programming by completely walking away from its responsibility to hold local station broadcast licensees to reasonable standards, i.e., news and public affairs programming as a substantial portion of their programming schedules, is listening to the NAB's complaints about satellite radio. Local radio news is a shell of its former self, an insult to intelligent listeners. I listen to XM to hear the news I can't get from local stations - BBC, CNN, CSPAN, Weather Channel, and very helpful local traffic and weather reports, a great addition.. How ironic that the NAB, having given radio over to satellite-fed programming whose "localism" is a sham at best, is attacking satellite-fed radio that bypasses its choke hold on broadcast media in America and reaches the listener directly.

XM is not a threat to consumers. It may be the only hope